**State Librarian Report to the WYLD Network**
June, 2021

The State Library is preparing for a Special Session of the Wyoming State Legislature that is convening to focus on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds allocated to schools and state/local government entities.

The State Library received $2,126,881 in ARPA funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. WSL formed a taskforce of academic, public, and school librarians to select and coordinate projects. The taskforce focused on statewide initiatives that will provide resources to all library patrons while taking budget pressure off of local libraries. Projects include:

   • Collection Access: Cover the cost of the statewide library catalog and technology needed to loan materials between library locations.
   • Digital Collections: Cover the cost of the statewide OverDrive (e-books/audiobooks) service as well as provide e-resources to college/UW libraries.
   • Physical Collections: Provide support to state institution and Ft. Washakie libraries to purchase physical collections for their patrons.
   • K-12 Support: Provide statewide access to a K-12 e-book/audiobook resource, support for school library physical collections, and access to TeachingBooks.net.
   • Workforce Development: Provide access to LinkedIn Learning and GALE Legal Forms/Business Plan Builder. Work with library public information staff to advertise all library-related workforce development resources.

   Note: All public, academic, school, and state institution libraries will benefit from these projects. Individual libraries will have the opportunity to reallocate local funds from ARPA covered projects to items most needed by the library to respond to budget issues, meet the ongoing needs of their community, and support any library-related COVID-19 recovery efforts.

The State Library used $52,297 in CARES Act funds to support statewide access to LinkedIn Learning, off-line summer reading on the Wind River Reservation, and a variety of museum projects aimed at putting museum exhibits online.

The State Library anticipates a 30-50% staff turnover rate in the coming 18 months due to planned retirements and personal growth opportunities.

The State Library is working with the University of Wyoming on their ongoing Integrated Library System review. UW is focusing their research on Folio, an open source ILS, and ALMA, an Ex Libris ILS aimed at colleges and universities. The decision to migrate to a new system will *potentially* guide future WYLD ILS decisions.

State Library priorities have not changed:

1. **Shared library infrastructure** including the statewide Integrated Library System, interlibrary loan software, and electronic resource platforms (OverDrive)
2. State Library **staff**
3. State Library programs and projects **required by statute**
4. Statewide library databases, resources, and digital content, and State Library programs, projects, and collections that are not required by statute